

**VIDEO**

# Guess Who? Animal Stories

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GRADES 3–5

**TYPE**

POETRY

In this lesson, you will introduce an animal you know a lot about as the narrator of a story. The narrator will provide descriptive details ask the reader "Guess who?" at the end.

**WHAT YOUR STUDENTS WILL LEARN**

Congratulations to 826 Digital Writers' Showcase Finalist, Milo Wu! Watch his video and see the lesson below to learn how to write your own mystery animal poem. Read more about Milo and the other finalists at [www.826national.org/826-digital-writers-showcase-2023-finalists](http://www.826national.org/826-digital-writers-showcase-2023-finalists)

**WHAT YOU WILL DO****STEP 1**

First, watch the video and follow along with the Mentor Text on page 1 of the [Stories As Records — Handout](#). When you're done, answer this question in your writing journal: "What words would you use to describe a spider? Write down as many descriptive words or phrases that you can think of."

**STEP 2**

Next, choose an animal that you know a lot about—this animal will be the narrator of your story. Answer the questions about your animal and draw a picture of it, on page 2 of the handout.

**STEP 3**

Finally, you will write your narrative on page 3 of the handout! Give your animal narrator a name and include the descriptive details that you brainstormed earlier. These details will be the clues that help your reader guess what kind of animal your narrator is. At the end of your narrative, don't forget to write, "Guess who?"! Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.

### **OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

If you can, share your narrative with someone and ask them what kind of any they think your narrator is.

### **MATERIALS**

- Guess Who? Animal Stories Video
- [Guess Who? Animal Stories — Handout](#)
- Writing journal and writing utensil